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"US WEAPONS Night FIRE" PV2 BURFORD, J

No event in the last few days has been as intense as when we conducted the US Weapons night fire! The surreal experience is one I will never forget. Watching the tracer rounds go off in pitch black looked and felt awesome! It was an awesome sight. Having not been deployed and without the experience of war, firing on the range made it so close to being in actual war. The total absence of silence was a brand new

experience. The quote, "War is loud" rang quite a few bells. Between the M240B and the lighting fast M249 Saw, it caused the sky to light up so bright, it seemed like daytime. One can only imagine how American soldiers downrange feel suppressing the enemy with Field Artillery shells. We have the best trained soldiers and the highest caliber of ammunition in the world.

"I ALMOST pity the enemy who is on the receiving end of our wrath."



"Camaraderie" PFC BELRHITRI MOVNIR

"I have had many profound experiences while in Basic Combat Training. So many in fact, it would almost be impossible to summarize all of them in just a few paragraphs. However, I would definitely have to say that the most insightful and profound experience I have had is the camaraderie shared amongst my fellow

trainees. It is amazing that we have all come from different places all around the world, but we all have managed to be here at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Many of us have been raised in different cultural settings, different ethnicities; but yet we still share common ways of thinking and wear the same army green uniform everyday,

of course we are told what to wear. ☺ We all share the same strong desire to better ourselves, serve the people of the United States, and above all the love for our country is overwhelming. The tasks we have been given in these past weeks have made all of us stronger and become united as one solid team, and that I will never forget."

